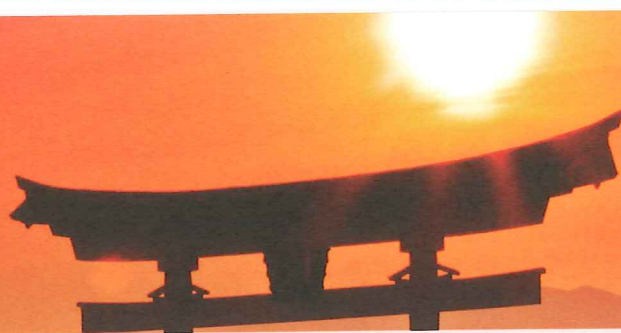


# The Johnsons

Missionaries to Japan



November 2017

## “In Everything Give Thanks”

Although giving thanks to God is something we strive to do all year long, Thanksgiving is a time we can set aside to think of the many blessings God has showered on us. This past Thanksgiving was an especially exciting one for our family. We had **over 20 people at our house** to share a traditional American Thanksgiving meal. Many of them had never had anything like it before, and it was a great opportunity to share with them about why we have Thanksgiving.

September was **missions month** for our church. Our focus this year was supporting our missionaries through prayer. Each church member picked one of our missionaries and committed to pray faithfully for them throughout the year. At the end of the month, we had our faith promise commitment day and everyone was able to get involved in financial support of our missionaries. A Japanese pastor came and preached for us, and there were **over 20 at church** for the special day.

In our last prayer letter, I asked prayer for some special days we had coming up in October. Thank you for praying! We had a group of seven people travel from Grace Kobe Baptist Church and help us do two different evangelistic outreaches at the church. Over the two days they were with us, we passed out thousands of fliers, hosted an “apple party” on Saturday and a “Kobe Festival” on Sunday. We had **three new people** come to church as well as several who have not been in a while come back for the special meetings. The youth pastor from Grace Kobe preached for us and shared the gospel clearly in every meeting. Please pray with us that the seeds planted will grow.

As we approach the Christmas season, we are excited about the **various outreach opportunities** that we will have. From Thanksgiving until New Year’s, we have at least one special outreach or service every week.

- December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas decorating party
- December 9<sup>th</sup> – Christmas concert
- December 10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas concert
- December 16<sup>th</sup> – Christmas cookie party
- December 23<sup>rd</sup> – High school student party
- December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas eve service and Christmas party at our house

Please keep these special days and opportunities in your prayers!

Praising Him,

Paul, Sarah, Timothy, Karen, Ethan and Joshua Johnson

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*“From the rising of the sun....the LORD's name is to be praised.” Psalm 113:3*